



Enabling Materials for Aerospace Applications

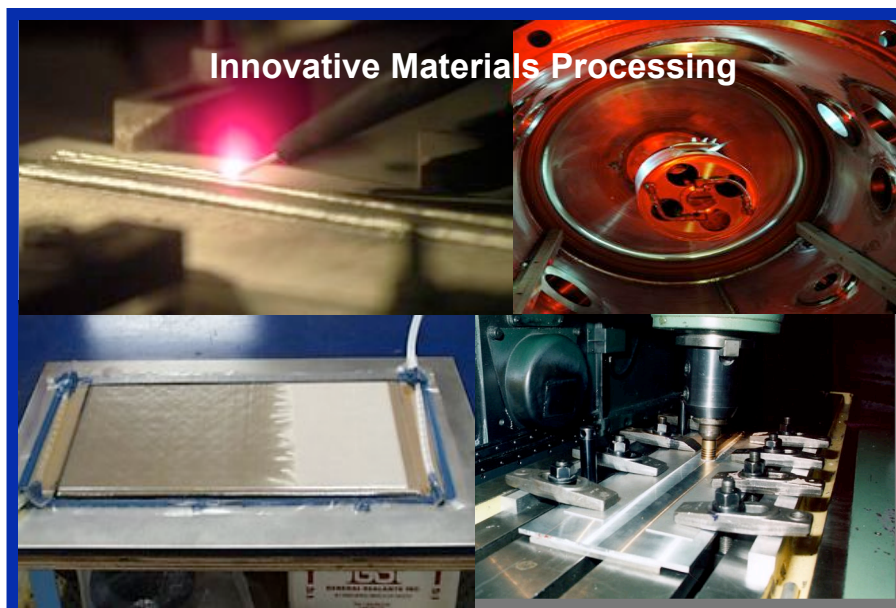
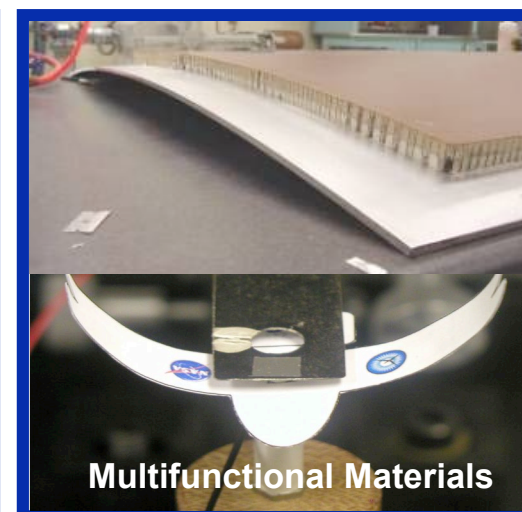
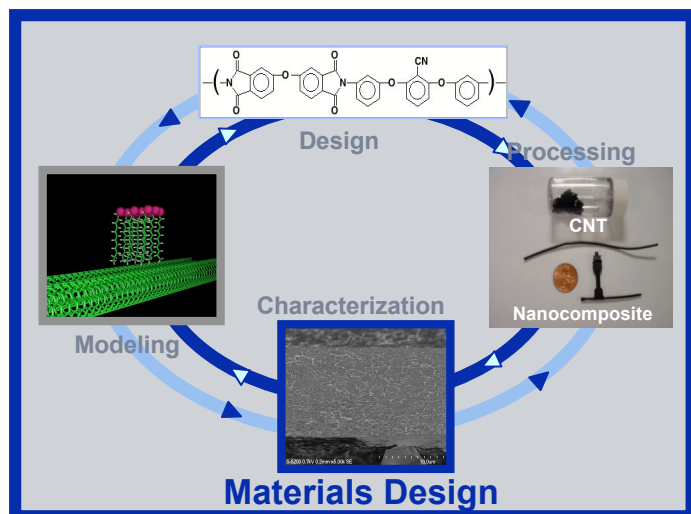
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Advanced Materials and Processing Research Thrusts



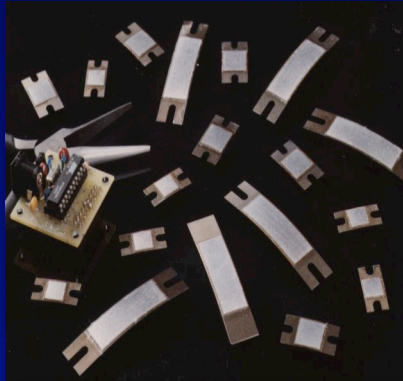
Track Record of Innovation



Licensed to diverse industries:

- **Aerospace**
- **Medical**
- **Electronics**
- **Cosmetics**
- **Utilities**
- **Sports/Recreation**

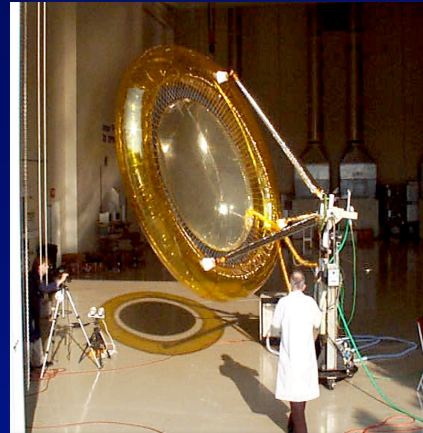
R&D 100 Winners Since 1996



**1996/THUNDER
Actuators**



**1997/PETI-5 High
Temperature Polymer**



1999/Colorless Films



**2000/Macro Fiber
Composite Actuators**



**2000/Al/Lithium
Alloys**



**2000/Atomic Oxygen
Resistant Polymers**



2001/Polyimide Foam

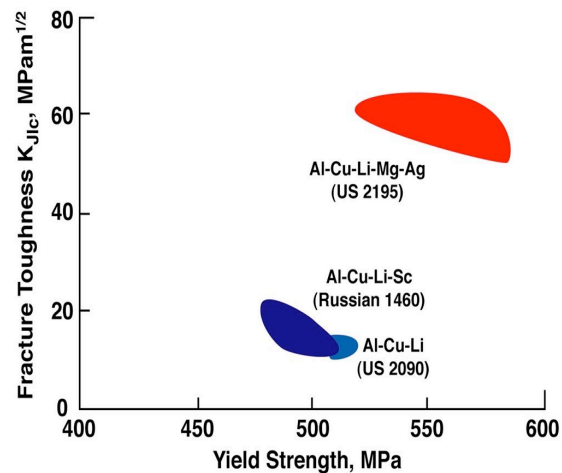
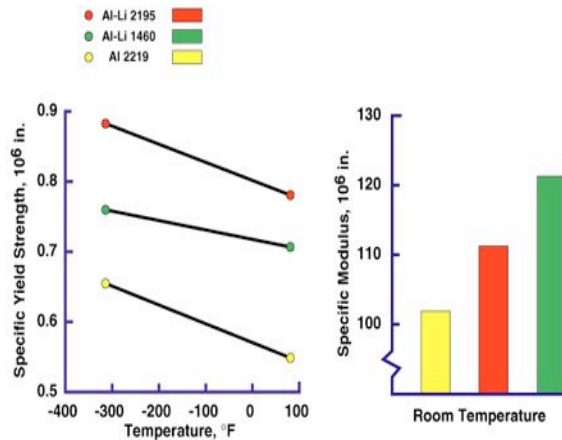


**2005/PETI-330 High
Temperature Transfer
Molding Resin**



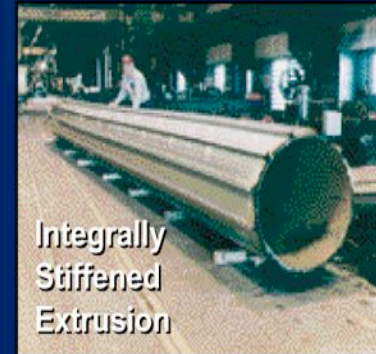
Advanced Aluminum Alloys & Fabrication Near Net Shape Fabrication Processes

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Processes

- Near-Net-Extrusion
- Roll Forging
- Shear Forming
- Spin Forming
- Friction Stir Welding



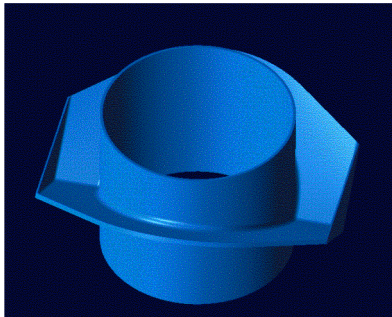
Applications

- Cryotank Barrel Sections
- Adapter Rings
- Cryotank Domes
- Intertank & Other Dry Bay Structures





Electron Beam Freeform Fabrication (EBF³) at NASA LaRC



Ground-Based System for Aircraft Structural Components

- Layer-additive process for structural metal parts
- ~100% dense, direct from CAD file without molds, tooling, or machining offers cost & lead-time reduction
- Material properties similar to those of annealed wrought products

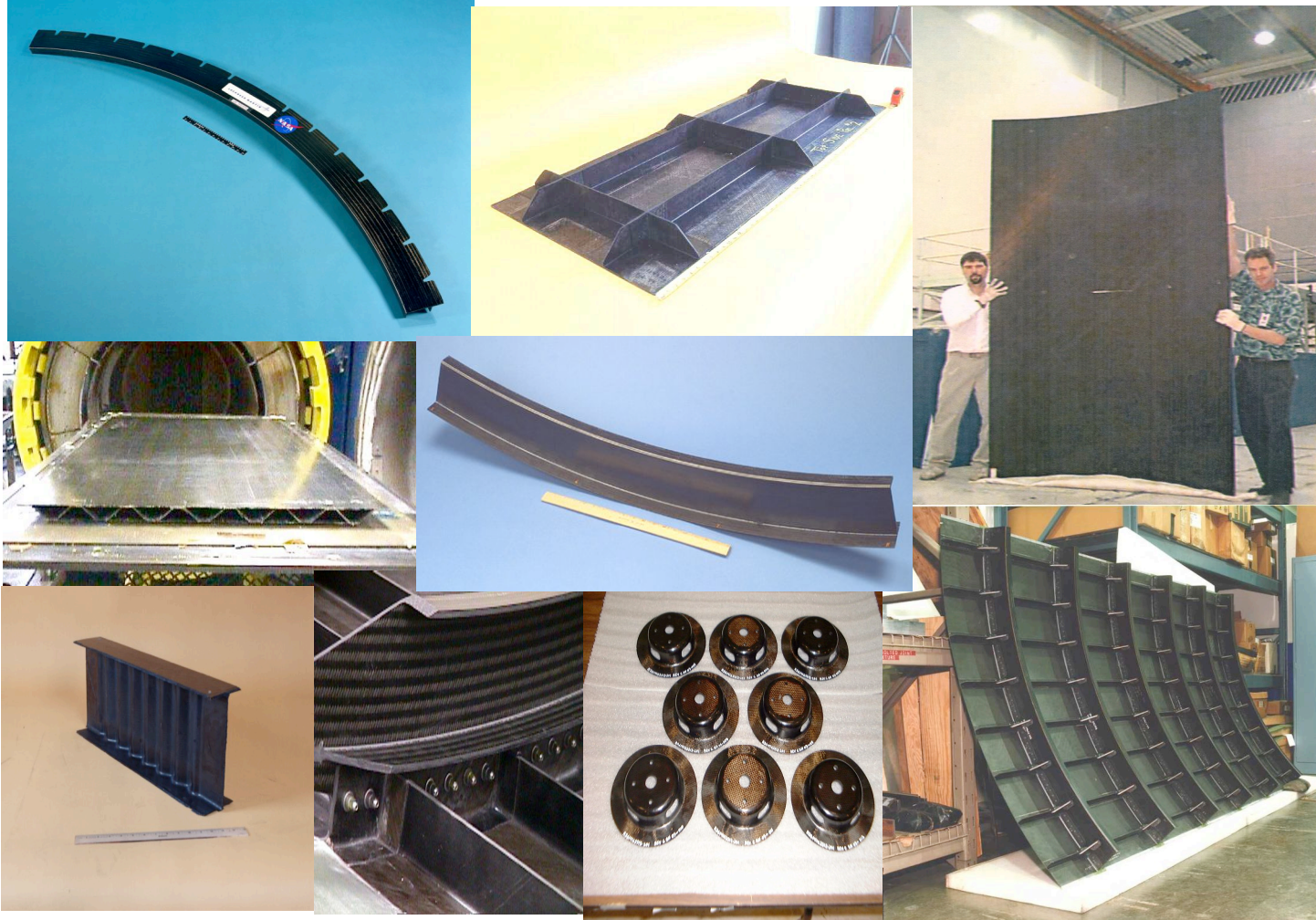


Portable System for Space Applications

- First successful microgravity demos February 2006
- Microgravity tests support fabrication, assembly & repair of space structures
- Portable system also suitable for self-supportability needs, such as on-demand fabrication of tools and replacement parts

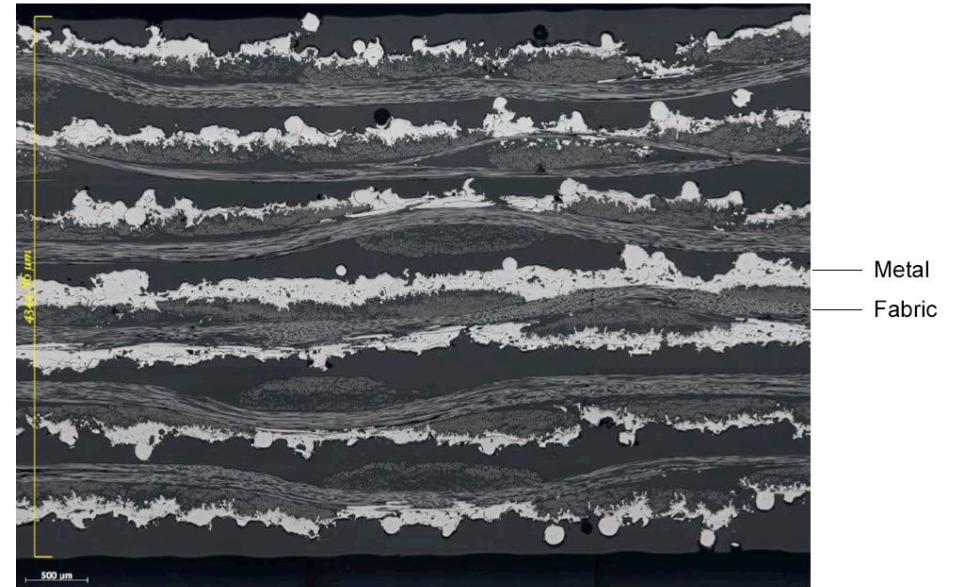
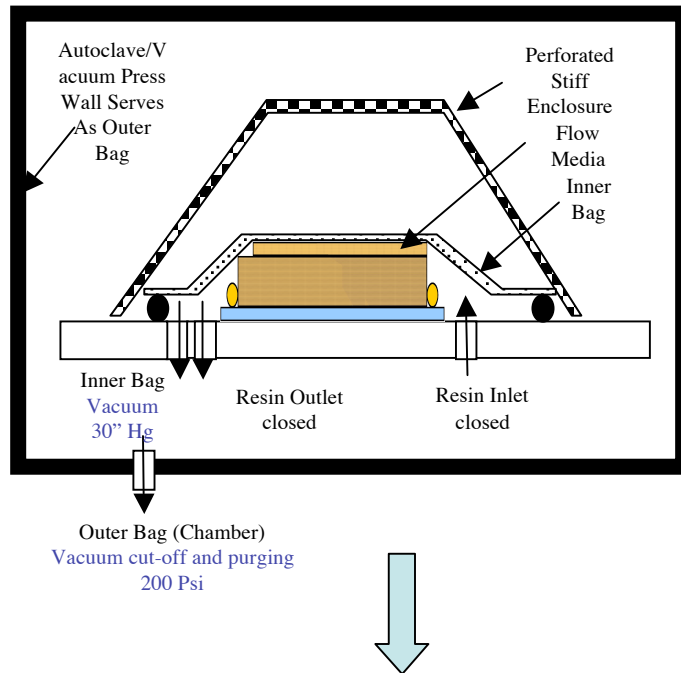


High Temperature Polymers and Adhesives

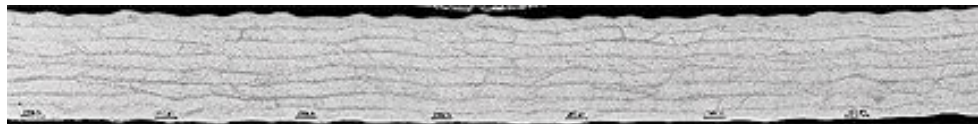




Advanced Composites Processing



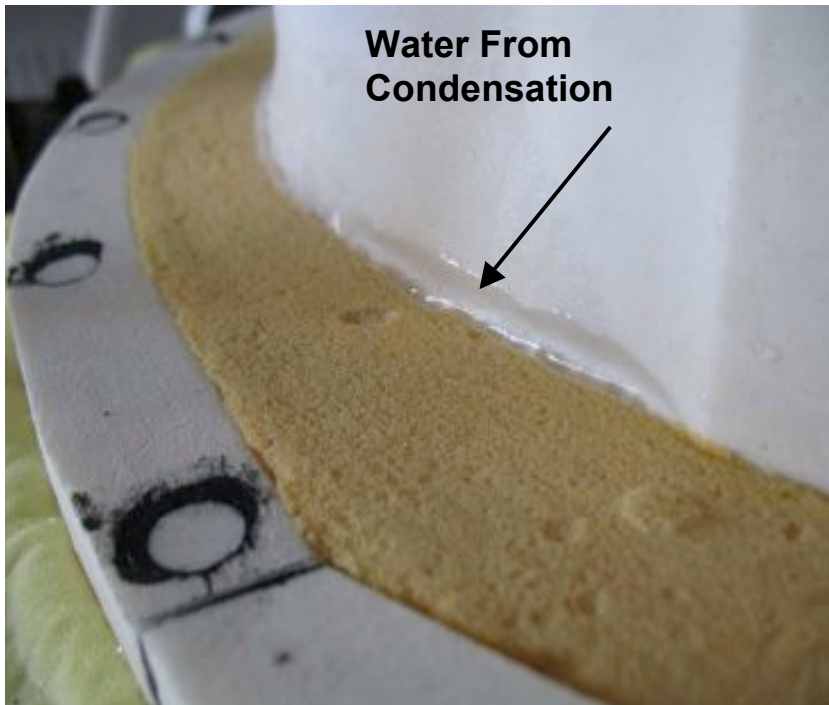
Hybrid Laminates



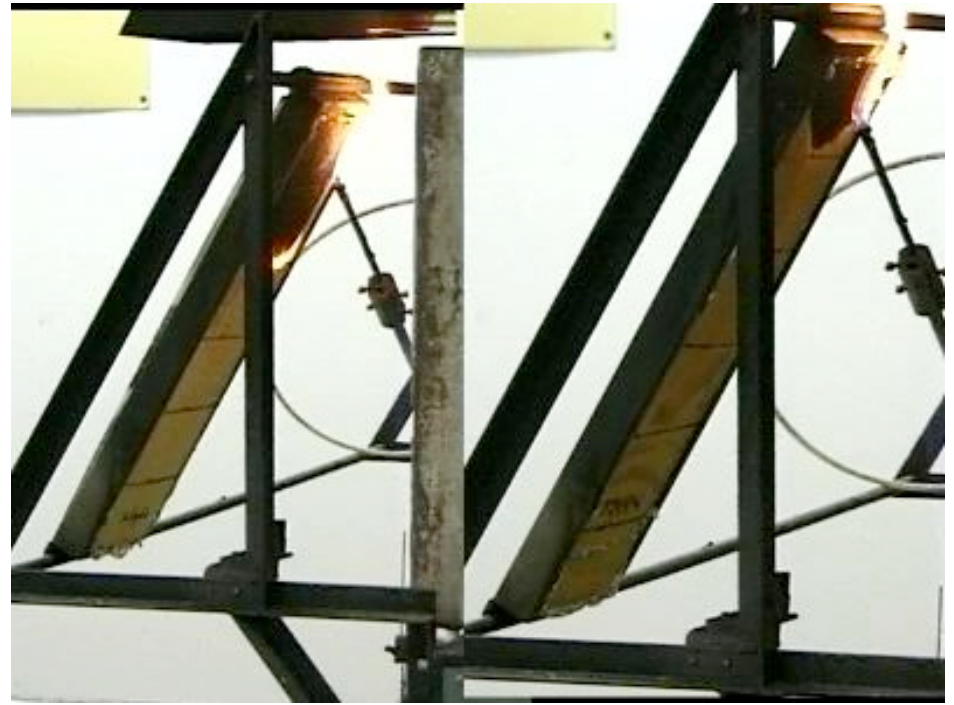
Double Vacuum Bag VARTM



Foams for Extreme Conditions



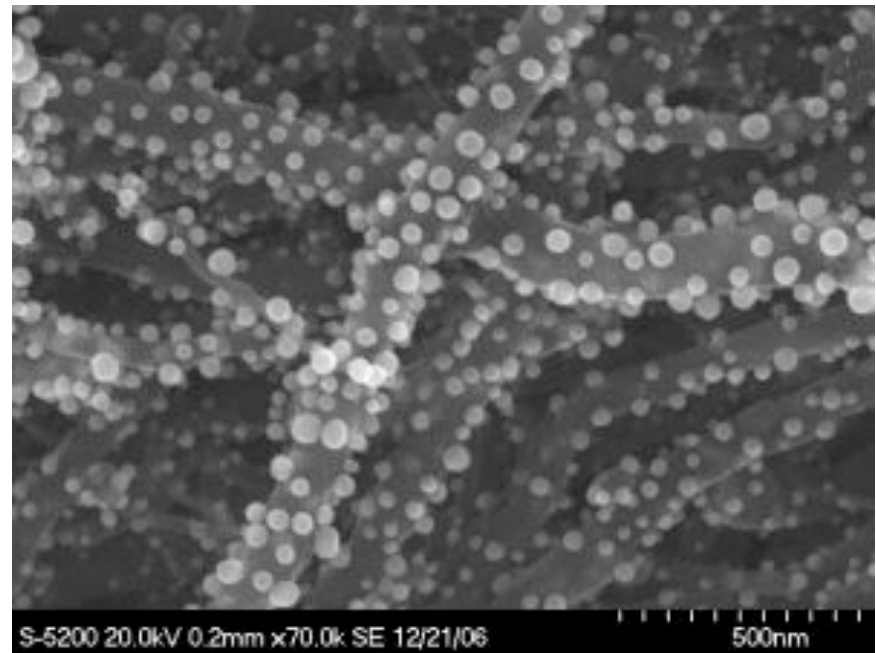
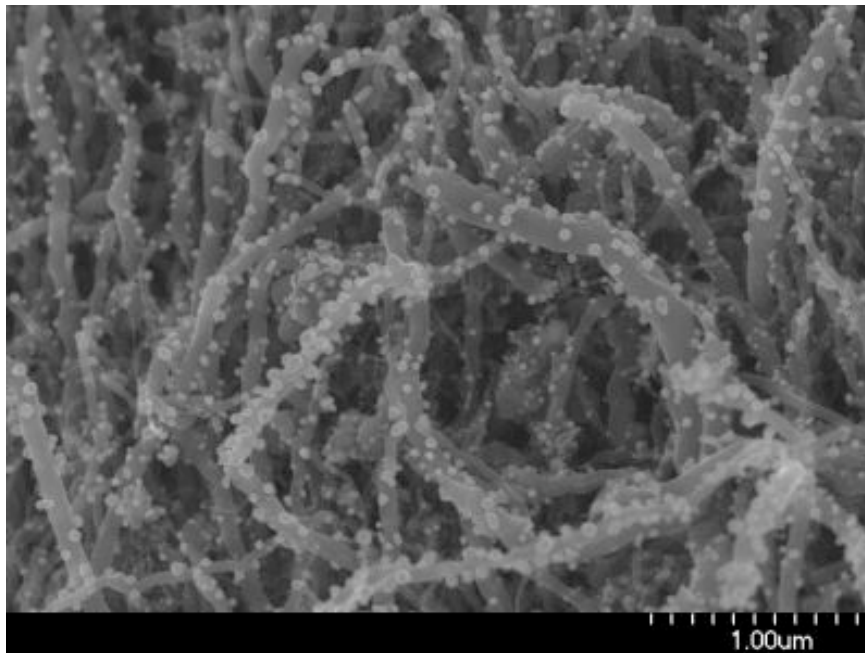
- Minimizes ice formation
- Flexible at cryogenic temps
- Minimal weight (0.04 lb)



- Flame retardant foam compositions



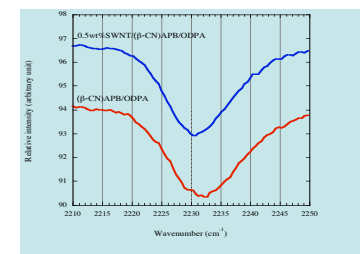
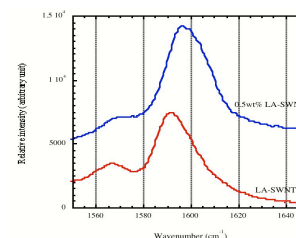
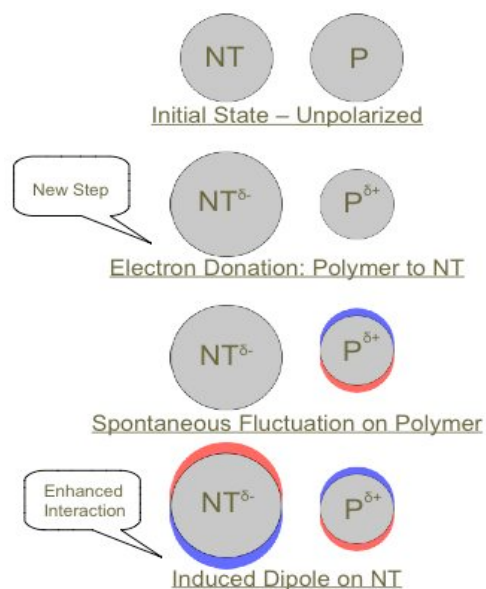
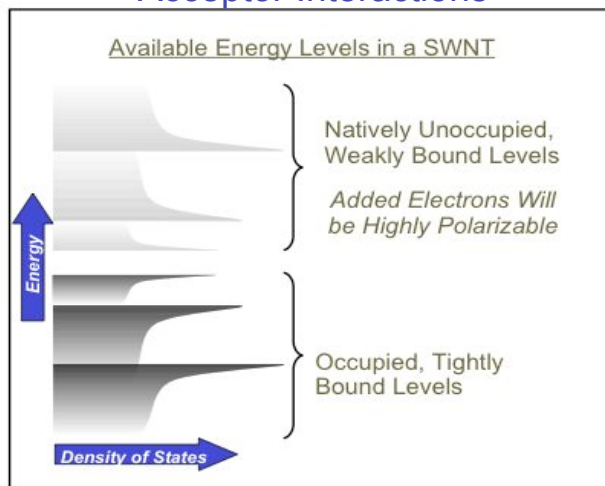
Metal Decorated Nanotubes



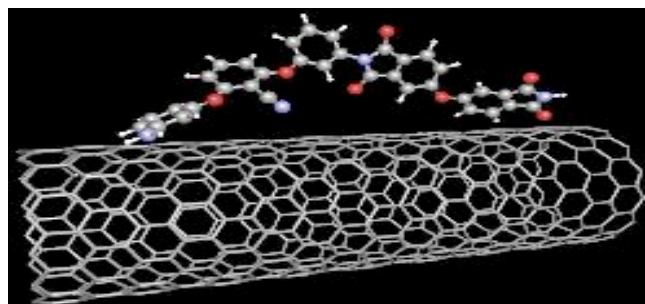


Coupling Modeling with Experiments to Aid Nanocomposite Design

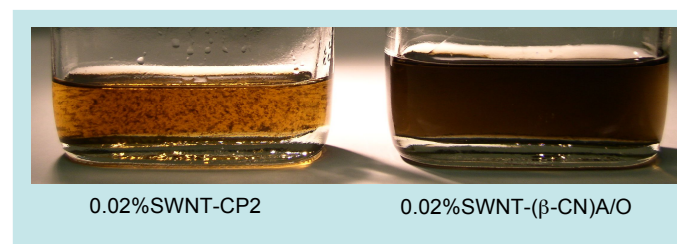
Schematic of Proposed Donor-Acceptor Interactions



Experimental Evidence of Donor-Acceptor Interactions



Quantum Chemical Modeling



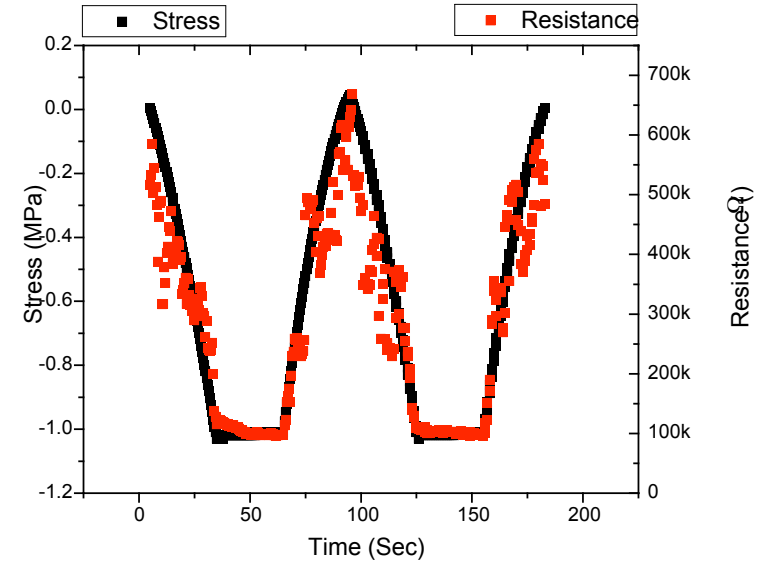
Observed Differences in Nanocomposite Solution Stability



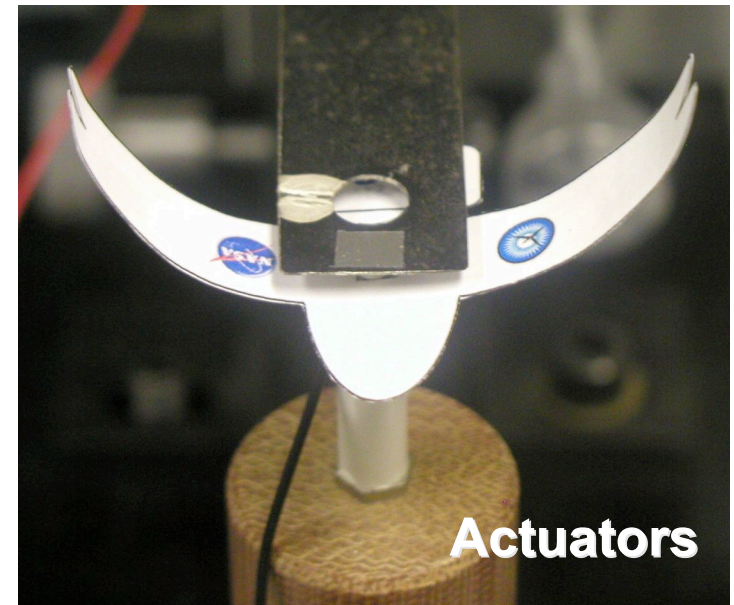
LaRC Electroactive Materials



Tactile Sensors



Material	Out-of-plane Strain	Electric field	Young's Modulus
PVDF	0.1%	50 MV/m	1600 MPa
SWNT/Polyimide	2.6%	0.8 MV/m	3500 MPa
Polyurethane	11%	100 MV/m	17 MPa
PZT	0.1%	1 MV/m	62 GPa

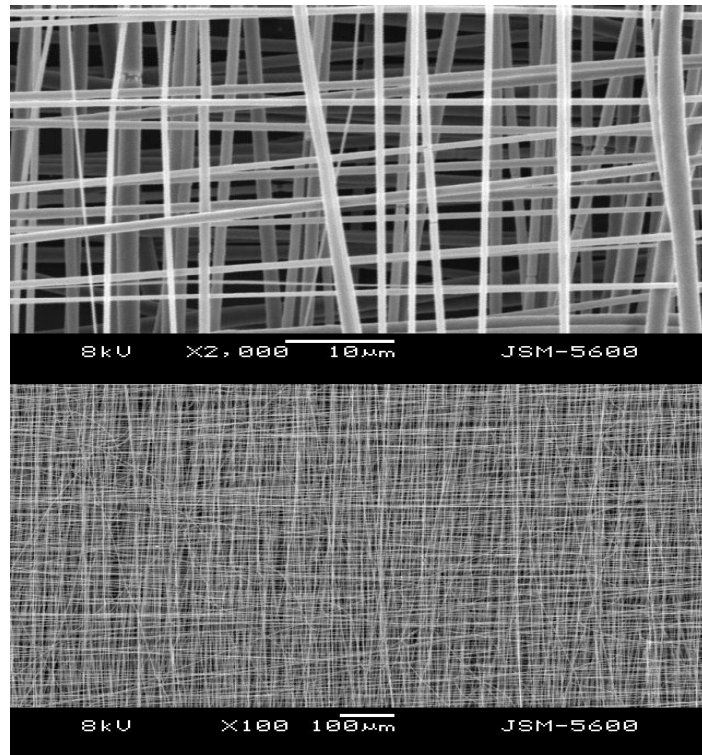


Actuators

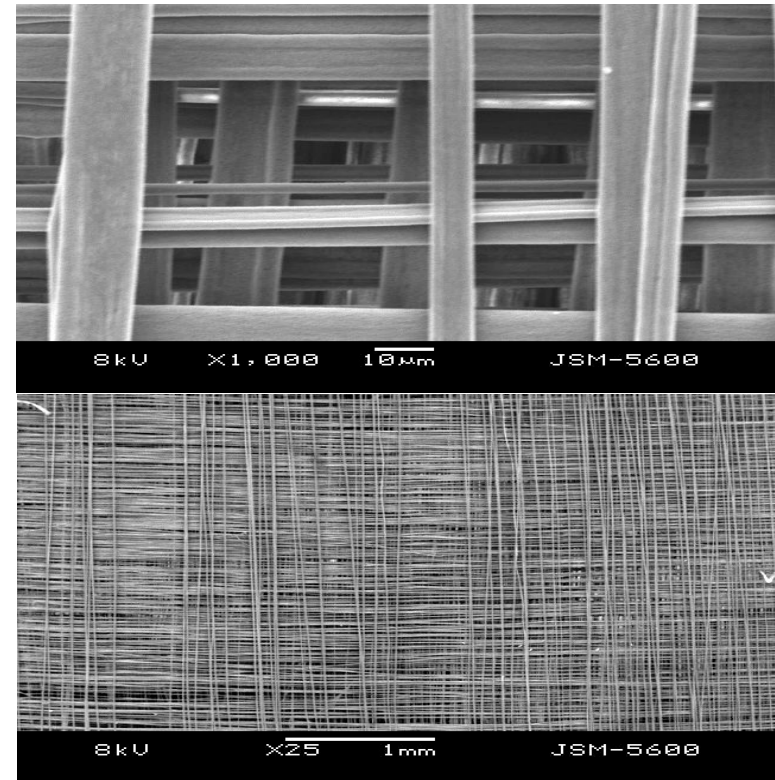


Micro and Nano Fibrous Mats

30 Layer Aligned Mats



PGA 30 Layer mat: top image at 2000x; bottom image at 25x

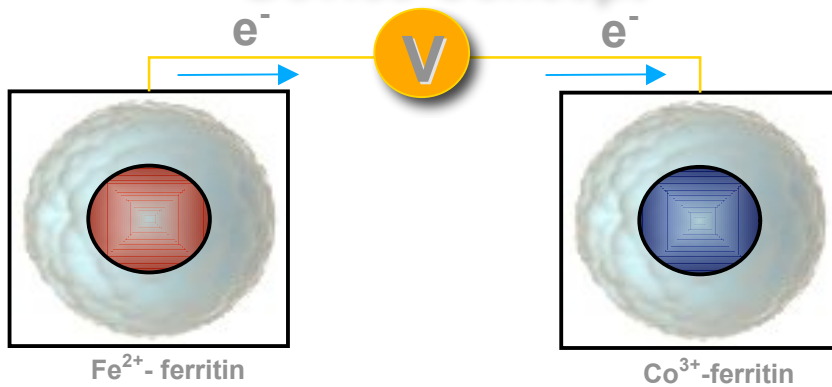


CP2 30 Layer mat: top image at 1000x; bottom image at 100x

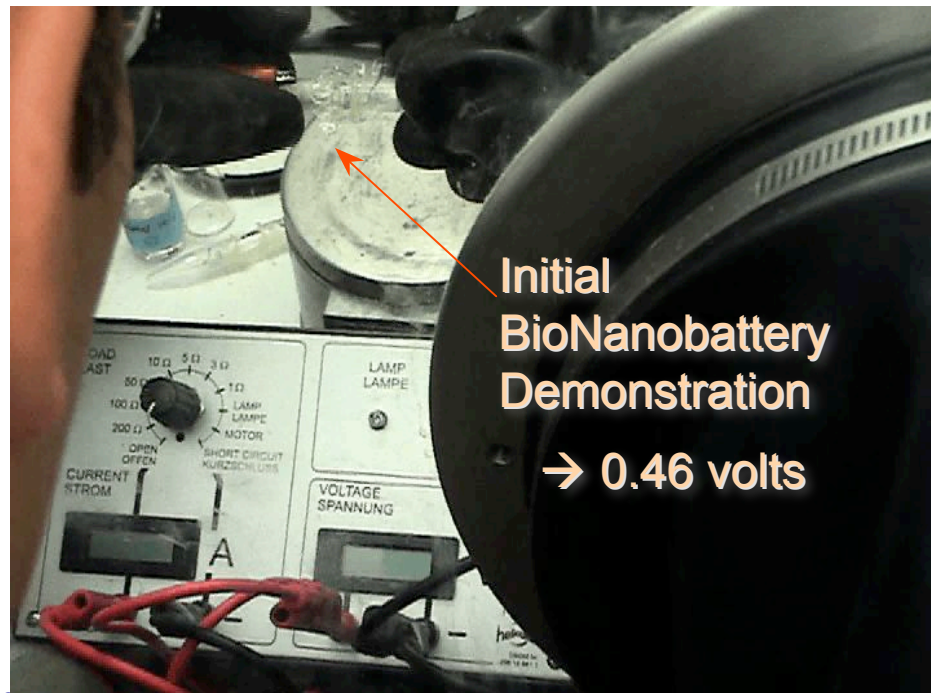


Biocompatible Power Generation and Energy Storage

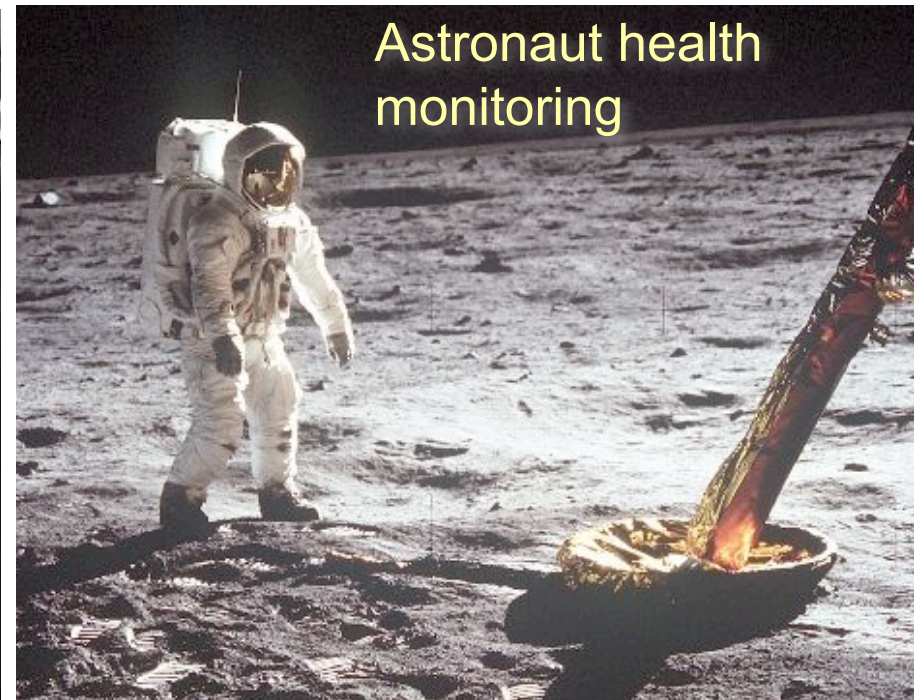
Device Concept



Fully biocompatible, using proteins naturally found in the body
Tailorable, by choice of redox couple
Controllable architectures

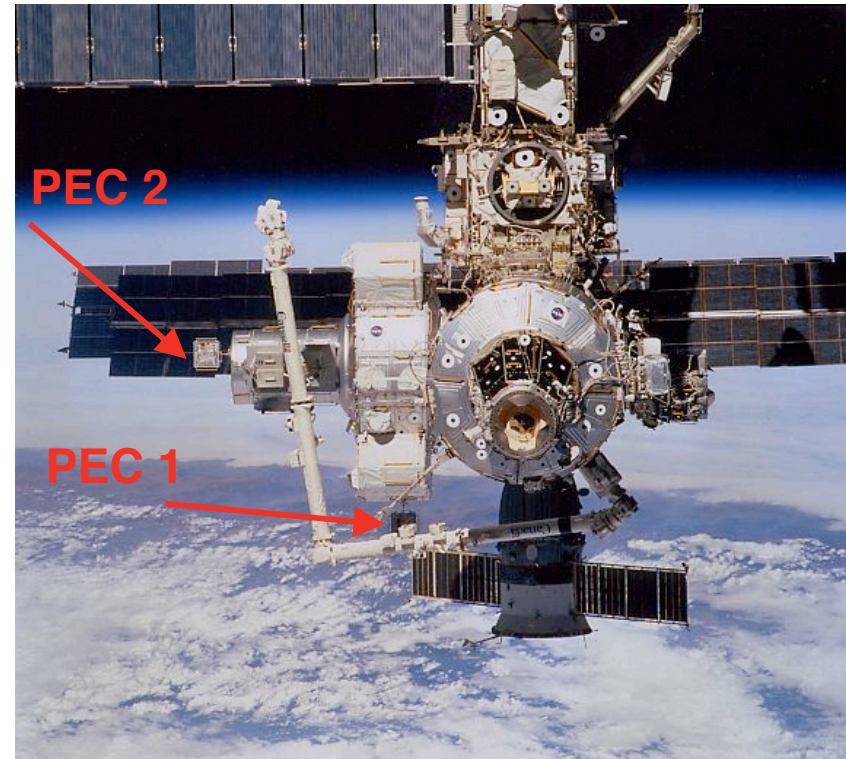


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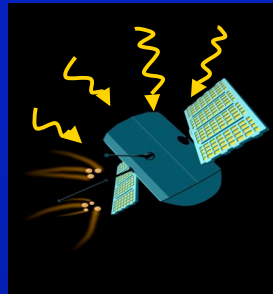
MISSE Materials International Space Station Experiment



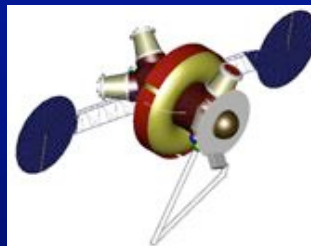
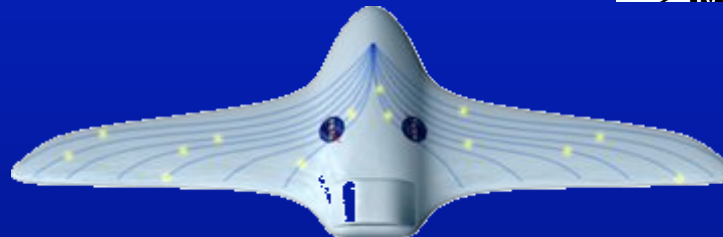
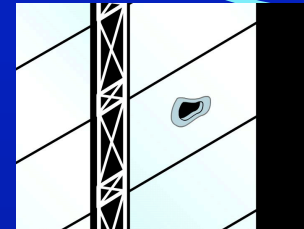


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